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COWES PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

REPORT OF THE PORT HEALTH MEDICAL OFFICER.

for

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As directed by a circular from the Ministry of Health in January, 1940, to Port Health Authorities, the following Annual report has been modified.

I. Amount of shipping entering the Port during the year

Foreign 19.

Coastwise 208 and numerous small craft.

Number inspected by Medical Officer..... Nil.

Number inspected by Sanitary Inspector...19. foreign 208 coastwise.

Number reported defective..... None.

Number reporting infectious disease during voyage..... One. Pratique granted.

II. Character of Trade Port ---

III. WATER SUPPLY:

(1) Source of Supply:- as for the Town of Cowes. There is a pipe line from the Pier Head. Sources of Private supply are at The Pontoon (Isle of Wight Steam Packet Co.), Messrs. Marvin's Shipyard and the Gas Works.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933.

(1) Declaration of Health.....Received by Customs Officers and sent to Port Medical Officer.

(2) Boarding of Vessels..... Medical Officer works in close co-operation with Custom's Officers who will take him off to any infected ship. The Ministry of Health's weekly circular relating to infected Ports and infection abroad are always placed available for Customs Officers.

(3) Mooring Stations for detention of Ships.

(a) The Roadstead of Cowes within Local area of jurisdiction.

(b) Medham Buoys in River Medina.

(4) Infectious cases can be landed to and isolated in Isolation Hospital in the Island by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.

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Interchange.

(3) Mooring Stations for detention of ships.

(4) LOCATION OF OPEN BERTHS.

(a) The Roadstead of Cowes within local area of jurisdiction.

(b) Cowes buoys in River Medina.

(4) Infectious cases can be landed to and isolated in Isolation Hospital in the Island by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.

The War has brought Transports to Temporary Anchorage off Cowes, but outside this Port Sanitary Authority's area of jurisdiction. Such ships requiring a doctor send their messages to the Sea Transport Office and this Port Medical Officer has gone off in the Sea Transport Drifter. Cases requiring treatment on shore have been landed at Cowes, but care is taken not to hand infectious cases from any ship outside this area of jurisdiction. Any case which is not a British subject and requires landing for medical treatment is reported to Customs Officers at once.

(5) Bacteriological and Pathological examinations are carried out by arrangement with the County Laboratory at Newport, I.W.

(6) Cases of Venereal Disease are reported to the County Clinic at Newport.

One case of Venereal Disease carrying an International Treatment Card was seen in one of the Transports at temporary anchor outside this area of jurisdiction. The man was due to receive treatment, but conditions rendered it impossible for him to attend any Clinic. This Medical Officer obtained the necessary drugs from the County Medical Officer of Health and administered the treatment.

No cases of infectious disease were landed at the Port during 1939.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

No special measures were taken against Rodents. The Port Sanitary Inspector uses Rat Poison regularly about the Harbour and Foreshore.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS SPACES.

The Sea Transport Officer at Cowes found Vermin and inadequately ventilated crews quarters in a drifter brought to Cowes for his use. All vermin were destroyed by Cyanide fumigation and later she was sent elsewhere for structural changes in the crews quarters.

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Shellfish: Oysters are matured in Newtown Creek. The fresh water sources of supply to the Creek were inspected by the County Medical Officer of Health. in December and found to be free from any contamination. The Oysters are brought to the Distributor's business premises in Cowes prior to despatch to markets. Conditions at these premises in Cowes are satisfactory.

Copies of order prohibiting the distribution for sale for human consumption of oysters, mussels and cockles brought from the River Medina unless the same have been relaid in approved waters for three months were circulated this year.

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